

Attorney's Docket No. B-3581CIP4CIP 619161-3

COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION, OR CIP)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type: (*check one applicable item below*)

- [X] original
 [] design
 [] supplemental

NOTE: If the declaration is for an International Application being filed as a divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application, do not check next item; check appropriate one of last three items.

- [] national stage of PCT

NOTE: If one of the following 3 items apply, then complete and also attach ADDED PAGES FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION, OR CIP.

- [] divisional
 [] continuation
 [X] continuation-in-part (CIP)

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

WARNING: *If the inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation of the facts, including the ownership of all the claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.*

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

"JEWELRY ROPE CHAIN LINK ELEMENT AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURE"

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which: (*complete (a), (b) or (c)*)

- (a) [X] is attached hereto.
 (b) [] was filed on _____ as [] Serial No. _____

or [] Express Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known, _____
 and was amended on _____ (*if applicable*).

NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.

- (c) [] was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____
 filed on _____ as amended under PCT Article 19 (1)
 on _____ (*if any*).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code Federal Regulations § 1.56.

[] In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement 37 CFR 1.97.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(complete (d) or (e))

- (d) [X] no such applications have been filed.
(e) [] such applications have been filed as follows.

NOTE: Where item (c) is entered above and the International Application which designated the U.S. claimed priority check item (e), enter the details below and make the priority claim.

**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY, FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN(S)) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

| COUNTRY | APPLICATION NUMBER | DATE OF FILING (day, month, year) | PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119 |
|---------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | | [] YES [] NO |
| | | | [] YES [] NO |
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| | | | [] YES [] NO |
| | | | [] YES [] NO |

**ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
(6 MONTHS FOR DESIGN(S)) PRIOR TO THIS U.S. APPLICATION**

POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (List name and registration number)

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[] Attached as part of this declaration and power of attorney is the authorization of the above-named attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from my representative(s).

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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

SIGNATURE(S)

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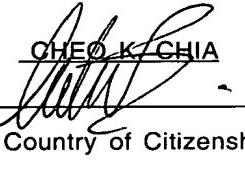
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WHICH FORM A PART OF THIS DECLARATION**

- [] Signature for third and subsequent joint inventors. *Number of pages added* ____
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- [] Signature for inventor who refuses to sign or cannot be reached by person authorized under 37 CFR 1.47. *Number of pages added* Added pages to combined declaration and power of attorney for divisional, continuation-in-part (CIP) application.
Number of pages added ____

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- [] Authorization of attorney(s) to accept and follow instructions from representative.

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If no further pages form a part of this Declaration then end this Declaration with this page and check the following item.

- [] This declaration ends with this page.

TELETYPE DECLARATION

**ADDED PAGE TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION, OR CIP APPLICATION**

(Complete this part only if this is a divisional, continuation, or CIP application)

CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

**PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS
DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 120:**

| U.S. APPLICATIONS | | STATUS (Check one) | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| U.S. APPLICATIONS | U.S. FILING DATE | Patented | Pending | Abandoned |
| 1. 09/337,455 | 21 June 1999 | | X | |
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| PCT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S. | | |
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Filed or Issued: _____

For: "JEWELRY ROPE CHAIN LINK ELEMENT AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURE"

**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY
STATUS (37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27(b)) -- INDEPENDENT INVENTOR(S)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled "JEWELRY ROPE CHAIN LINK ELEMENT AND METHODS OF MANUFACTURE" described in

the specification filed herewith.

application serial no.: _____, filed _____.

patent no. _____, issued _____.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9 (c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9 (e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

no such person, concern, or organization

persons, concerns or organizations listed below*

*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

FULL NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

INDIVIDUAL SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28 (b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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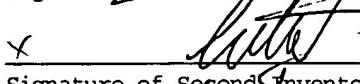
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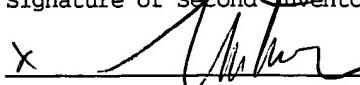
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